

Minutes  
T/V Command Trustee Council Meeting  
Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Office  
San Francisco, CA  
29 July 2002

1. Attendees

Charlene Hall	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Primary Representative
Ed Ueber	NOAA - Primary Representative
Nora Rojek	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game - Alternate
Mark Meier	Calif. State Lands Commission (CSLC)- Primary Representative
Sarah York	Calif. State Lands Commission - Alternate
Joanne Kerbavaz	(via phone) Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation (CDPR)- Alternate
Jennifer Boyce	NOAA - Alternate
Kolleen Bannon	NOAA Office of General Counsel
Steve Hampton	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game - Primary
Kathy Verue-Slater	(via phone) Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game--Counsel

2. Agenda. The agenda (attached) was reviewed and approved.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting. The May 15, 2002, meeting minutes were reviewed and comments noted. Minutes will be distributed again for final review and approval.
4. Financial Update. As of August 8, 2002, the restoration account balance is \$4,282,144.48 (report attached). \$120,000 has been allocated (pursuant to Trustee Resolution 02-1) to Trustee Council Agencies for restoration planning activities. As of August 8, 2002, \$423,758.39 in interest has accrued.
5. Administrative Record Update. A draft administrative record index was distributed for review and comment. An updated administrative record index will be included with all records submitted for inclusion to the administrative record repository at NOAA.

***Restoration Planning***

6. Summary of Public Scoping Process. The public scoping process was reviewed and evaluated. The public scoping meeting was well attended and our presentation seemed well received. Council discussed possible reasons for the positive level of public involvement in the scoping process. Possible factors include:

- Meeting location close to spill
- Advertised to general public as well as resource / seabird community
- Ready accessibility of scoping document
- Wide and targeted advertising

The Council will continue to accept proposed restoration projects throughout the planning process.

7. Restoration Categories and Funding. Final Bird Injury Report estimates approximately half as many common murrelets were injured from the T/V Command oil spill than originally thought and the

marbled murrelet injury is higher relative to other seabirds injured. Consequently, council may consider adjustments to restoration funding categories to reflect the final injury assessment.

8. Restoration Planning Process. Council reviewed the planning process and will; a) evaluate proposed projects against screening criteria; b) seek additional project information (to address selection criteria questions); c) summarize; and d) prioritize projects. Council agreed to proceed with a qualitative scaling and screening process.

9. Project Summaries and Initial Screening. Sixteen people commented on the scoping document. Proposed projects were reviewed and evaluated against selection criteria outlined in the scoping document. Water column and fisheries projects were considered a low priority as there was limited evidence of documented injury to these resources (based on injury assessments). Education outreach projects will be considered as components within other types of restoration projects. Information requests will be sent to those who submitted projects which passed initial screening, and thank you letters will be sent out to everyone who provided oral or written comments.

10. Additional Projects.

a. *Marbled murrelet.* Council discussed recent marbled murrelet demographic and conservation information. Marbled murrelet populations appear to be declining significantly in the area and habitat loss and corvid predation were identified as significant and serious threats to the species. Due to the status of the species, the population declines in the area, and the challenging conservation issues surrounding this species, the council agreed to convene a meeting with species experts to help the council develop effective and beneficial marbled murrelet restoration projects. Steve Hampton of CDFG will investigate potential marbled murrelet acquisition projects, and will contact Save the Redwoods, Apex Houston council, Paul Kelly (CDFG), Semper Virens Fund and Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). State Parks personnel will be invited to address feasibility question surrounding potential corvid projects. Steve Hampton and Jennifer Boyce will work together to organize speakers.

b. *Council Coordination.* Council will host a Multi-Trustee Council coordination meeting with other NRDAR Trustee councils. The goal of the meeting will be to; a) learn what has and hasn't worked on other restoration councils, b) discuss opportunities to coordinate restoration efforts between councils, and c) aid the Command council in the restoration planning process. Ed Ueber and Jennifer Boyce will take the lead on planning this meeting and will solicit topic discussions, agenda items, and ideas from council members.

c. *Human Disturbance Projects.* Steve Hampton will invite Paul Kelly of CDFG, to speak to the council on potential human disturbance projects.

11. Plan writing and logistics. The council discussed the possibility of writing a separate, sea-bird disturbance reduction plan to be included as an appendix to the restoration plan. The sea-bird plan could serve as a programmatic type document for use by other restoration planning councils. The council will likely draft a restoration plan without final costs and send out request for proposals. NOAA produced a first draft outline of the restoration plan (attached) and volunteered to write sections 1,2,3 and 5.

12. Review of Tasks

<i>Date</i>	<i>Person</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>Target</i>
1.	All	Review May meeting minutes and approve.	ASAP

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2.	Meier York Kerbavaz	Submit completed EFT form to DOI fund center	ASAP
3.	Hall	Review financial investment options with fund manager and propose fund investment strategy to council.	ASAP
4.	All	Review and provide comments on draft administrative index.	ASAP
5.	Hall	Send trajectory and human use reports and an updated administrative record index to Ed / Kolleen, for inclusion in administrative record.	ASAP
6.	Hall	Update summary sheet on comments submitted to date.	ASAP
7.	Hall	Send out thank you letters and request additional information from commenters.	ASAP
8.	Hampton	Obtain an electronic final draft of the human use report and distribute to council members.	ASAP
9.	Hampton	Send a copy of Luke George's corvid predation report to council members.	ASAP
10.	Boyce Ueber	Plan the Trustee council coordination meeting and solicit topic discussions, agenda items, and ideas from council members.	ASAP
11.	Hampton	Investigate potential marbled murrelet acquisition projects.	ASAP
12.	Boyce	Obtain additional information on San Jicente restoration Projects.	ASAP
13.	Boyce Rojek	Obtain additional information on the Santa Cruz Wharf project.	ASAP
14.	Hall	USFWS to obtain additional information on Farallon Island predator control project.	ASAP
15.	Hampton	Invite Paul Kelly to speak to council at next council meeting on potential human disturbance projects. Obtain written summaries of human disturbance projects from Paul.	ASAP
16.	Hampton Boyce	Organize speakers and agenda items for acquisition and corvid meeting.	ASAP
17.	Ueber	Organize location for upcoming coordination meetings.	ASAP
18.	Hampton	Reserve Yolo Basin Wildlife Area Office for October 22, 2002, council meeting.	ASAP

19. Hall Set up a conference call in mid September for coordination prior mid-Sept.  
to the October 3 and 4, 2002 meeting.
13. Next Meeting. The marbled murrelet restoration planning meeting and the multi-council coordination meeting are tentatively scheduled for October 3 and 4, 2002 at the Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Office. A half-day session during that time will be dedicated for a Command Trustee council meeting. The next full day council meeting will be October 22, 2002 at the Yolo Basin Wildlife Area in Davis. A conference call will be set up in mid September for coordination prior to the October 3 and 4, 2002 meeting.

**Agenda**  
**T/V Command Trustee Council**  
**Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Office**  
**July 29, 2002 10 am – 3 pm**

**Administrative Discussions**

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| 1. | Review Agenda                   | All  |
| 2. | Approve Minutes of Last Meeting | All  |
| 3. | Financial Update                | Hall |
| 4. | Administrative Record Update    | All  |

**Restoration Planning**

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| 5.  | Public Scoping Summary                     | All          |
| 6.  | Restoration Categories and Funding         | All          |
| 7.  | Restoration Planning Process               | Hall/Hampton |
| 8.  | Selection Process and Criteria             | All          |
| 9.  | Project Summaries and Initial Screening    | Hall/All     |
| 10. | Additional Projects                        | All          |
|     | Multi-Council Seabird Restoration Projects | Hampton      |
|     | NRDAR Trustee Council Coordination         | Ueber/Boyce  |
| 11. | Plan writing and logistics                 | All          |
|     | Plan Outline—1st draft                     | Boyce        |
| 12. | Next Meeting                               | All          |



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October 22, 2002

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Dear Council Members:

The final minutes of the July 29, 2002, Command Trustee Council Meeting, as approved by the Trustee council, are enclosed for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Charlene Hall at (916) 414-6739.

Sincerely,

David L. Harlow  
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Enclosures

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